



ABSTRACT

Awards - Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam (AGAMT) – Best performance Award to the District Collectors for the effective implementation of the Scheme - Ordered – Cancellation of Orders and utilization of funds for documentation of Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam works – Orders Issued.

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (SGS1) Department

G.O.(Ms).No. 6

Dated : 18.1.2010

Read :

- 1) G.O.(Ms.) No.135, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Dated 03.08.2007.
- 2) From the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Letter Roc.No.70172/2008/AGAMT-1, dated 06.01.2010.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, the Government have issued orders to institute Awards for best Performing Collectors under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Tittam for 5 categories of Best Works Viz., Best execution of AGAMT Ponds, Best execution of AGAMT Burial Grounds/ Cremation Sheds, Best execution of AGAMT Sports Centres, Best execution of AGAMT Libraries, and overall Best performance of AGAMT Scheme.

2) The Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj in his letter second read above, has informed that as per the guidelines issued in the Government Order first read above, proposals were called for from all the Districts along with photographs for each of the categories of AGAMT works viz., Ponds, Burial Grounds/Cremation Sheds, Libraries and Sports Centres undertaken during the years 2006-07 & 2007-08 and the proposals so received were scrutinized thoroughly and the following observations are made based on this scrutiny:

- (i) In the Government Order issued for the implementation of Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam, the type designs to execute the works were issued for all the compulsory components and the monetary limit for each component was also fixed. Therefore, all the works undertaken in the Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam villages of various Districts are similar in design and there is little scope for innovations in the construction work. Further, almost all the

Collectors have taken effective steps to implement the Scheme successfully. It is, hence, found very difficult to effectively differentiate and individually evaluate the quality of work done by various Collectors in view of the similar nature of works done by all of them. Any arbitrary differentiation will only cause dissatisfaction and heart-burn amongst the Collectors, who, in almost all the cases, have put in their best efforts in this regard.

- (ii) The Awards were proposed for the best performing Collectors. It was, however, seen that the Collectors in many of the Districts had been transferred in the midst of the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08, and due to this, it is very difficult to choose the District Collector who had contributed more for the good performance of a District in a particular year under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam. It is also not desirable to select the District Collector who had spent a longer period of time in the particular financial year in the District, since it might have been the other District Collector who had actually initiated most of the steps for the successful implementation of AGAMT Scheme in the District. Hence, the job of choosing the names of the District Collectors responsible for the successful implementation of the AGAMT Scheme in a particular year is found to be difficult.
- (iii) The criteria for selection of the best performing Districts as detailed in the Government Order first read above is found to be cumbersome. Marks are awarded for each category based on (a) Universal Coverage of the works (b) Effective Implementation and (c) Sample Verification. Even though the records sent by the District Collectors can be utilized to approximately evaluate the first two criteria, sample verification of all the works of top six Districts in each of the four categories of the Awards is required for finalizing the final grading. This is an extremely time-consuming exercise and the Additional Directors of Rural Development will have to spend at least one to two months in the field to see the works in the Districts concerned and award marks.
- (iv) Already, we are in the last quarter of the fourth year of implementation of AGAMT Scheme and the Scheme will be over in the next financial year (2010-11). At this point of time, it may not be feasible to correctly assess the quality of works executed in the first and second years of implementation of the Scheme. Further giving awards for implementation of the Scheme for 2006-07 & 2007-08 at this distance of time when the Scheme is in the last leg of implementation will also not be meaningful.

3) For the reasons stated above, the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj has suggested that the orders issued in the Government Order first read above, for giving Awards to the best performing Districts under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam may be cancelled and the money earmarked for the Awards from out of IEC Component of Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam may be utilized for effective documentation of Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam works and making short films for

public display in order to encourage the community to undertake continuous maintenance of the assets created under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam and requested the Government to issue necessary orders in this regard.

4) The Government have examined the proposal of the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj carefully and decided to accept it. Accordingly, the Government pass the following orders:-

- (i) Orders issued in G.O.(Ms.) No.135, RD & PR Department, dated 3.8.2007 with regard to instituting Awards for best performing Collectors under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam is cancelled.
- (ii) The money earmarked for the purpose of best performance Award under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam to the District Collectors from out of IEC component of the Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam, shall be utilized for effective documentation of Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam works and for making short films for public display to encourage the community to undertake continuous maintenance of the assets created under Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam.

(By Order of the Governor)

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